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SUBJECT: WTO SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS - U.S. MARKET ACCESS
PRIORITIES IN JAMAICA

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[¶1.](#) This message contains post's response to reftel request.

[¶2.](#) Jamaica's service markets are generally open, and the GOJ itself welcomes foreign companies that want to set up operations in the country. Foreign service suppliers are permitted to participate in the Jamaican market, and they are provided the same treatment as domestic service suppliers. Some sectors are crowded and highly competitive, making them difficult to enter, but there are no legal restrictions in place. These sectors have been marked as having "medium" levels of market openness.

[¶3.](#) XXXXXX funds are entirely managed by the GOJ. There are no opportunities for private firms to compete in this market.

[¶4.](#) Priority Sectors for U.S. Service Suppliers

Type of service - market openness

Priority 1

Real estate - high
Rental/leasing - high
Management consulting - high
Services incidental to mining - high
Energy services - high
Services incidental to energy distribution - high
Investigation and security - medium
Packaging - high
Convention - high
Telecommunication - high
Audiovisual - high
Educational - high
Environmental - high
Tourism and travel - high
Recreation and sporting - high

Priority 2

Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping - High
Computer - High
Technical testing and analysis - High
Scientific and technical consulting - High
Maintenance and repair of equipment - High
Photographic - High
Printing and publishing - High
Courier (express delivery) - High
Construction and related engineering - High
Banking and other financial, including securities - Medium

Priority 3

Architectural - High
Engineering and integrated engineering - High
Urban planning and landscape architecture - High
Market research and public opinion polling - High

Priority 4

Advertising - High
Distribution - Medium
Insurance - Medium

Priority 5

Legal - Medium
Taxation - High
Research and development - High
Services incidental to agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing - High

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